

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently Amended) The water treatment of claim ~~42~~48, wherein at least one said sealing surface of said second tube and at least one said sealing surface of said first tube are coplanar.

44. (Currently Amended) The water treatment cartridge of claim ~~42~~48, wherein at least a portion of said inside surface of said first tube and at least a portion of said inside surface of said second tube are sealing surfaces.

45. (Currently Amended) The water treatment cartridge of claim ~~42~~48, wherein said distal end of said second tube extends from said water treatment cartridge housing a greater distance than said distal end of said first tube.

46. (Currently Amended) The water treatment cartridge of claim ~~42~~48, wherein said first and second tubes are without o-rings.

47. (Currently Amended) The water treatment cartridge of claim ~~42~~48, wherein the diameter of said inside surface of said second tube is from about 1 cm to about 5 cm, and wherein the diameter of said outside surface of said first tube is from about 0.5 cm to about 3 cm.

48. (Currently Amended) ~~The water treatment cartridge of claim 42,~~ A water treatment cartridge for treating water, said water treatment cartridge capable of sealingly and releasably engaging a water treatment device, said water treatment cartridge comprising:

(a) a housing, an inlet for introducing water into said water treatment cartridge, an outlet port for egress of treated water from said water treatment cartridge, and a treatment media for treating water, said treatment media being in fluid communication with said inlet and said outlet port;

(b) a first tube comprising an inside surface, an outside surface, a proximal end, and a distal end, wherein at least one of said inside surface and said outside surface comprises a sealing surface; and

(c) a second tube comprising an inside surface, an outside surface, a proximal end, and a distal end, wherein at least one of said inside surface and said outside surface comprises a sealing surface;

wherein said first tube extends from said housing and surrounds said outlet port forming a treated water passageway; wherein said second tube surrounds said first tube such that a gap is formed between said first tube, said second tube, and an outer surface of said housing; and wherein said gap is disposed between said inlet and said outlet port; and wherein said second tube extends from said first tube, and said first tube extends from said water treatment cartridge housing..

49. (Currently Amended) The water treatment cartridge of claim 4248, wherein a portion of said outside surface of said second tube is a cam surface.

50-73. (Canceled)